



Weekly Information & Communication



February 8, 2016

President's Day

The State WIC Office will be closed on February 15th for president's day

Conference Call Minutes and Materials

Thank you to all who were able to attend the conference call last Thursday. Please find the [conference call minutes](#) and supporting materials including the [voter registration disclaimer form](#), [income eligibility guidelines](#), and [hemoglobin quick reference](#). The webex is posted on the [website](#) for those who could not attend.

Infant Bloodwork – Correction

Perform the hemoglobin test on infants at the last visit before their certification ends and prior to their first birthday. Please note this correction--the hemoglobin test for the infant can be around 9 months of age to aid in scheduling services and before their first birthday. (Meaning it does not exactly have to be 9 months or later)

NeoSure and Alimentum Changes

Abbott announces changes to two of their products. A [mini poster](#) has been created to show the change. NeoSure will have a new label. Participants will see a mix of old and labels as the old label is phased out. Alimentum will change both label and size. Cans with the new label will be 12.1 ounces. Participants should not see a mix of the old and new label or can size. The reconstitution amount will change. In SPIRIT a new food item will be listed. See the 02-04-16 conference call minutes for more information.

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

Risk Code 353 Food Allergies is defined as an adverse health effect arising from a specific immune response that occurs reproducibly on exposure to a given food. Presence of condition diagnosed, documented, or reported by a physician or someone working under a physician's orders, or as self-

reported by applicant/participant/caregiver. See Clarification for more information about self-reporting a diagnosis.

Some examples of when this code could be used include: a woman who has come into the clinic that the doctor says her child has an allergy to peanuts and to remove peanut butter from her food package; a baby who has been prescribed a special formula for “milk allergy” and many more. Please review the [attached guidance](#) for more details and justification.

Nutrition Education Materials

How often do you hear, “I need to add more fruits and vegetables into my diet.” MyPlate Materials has created some new, fun and engaging tools for nutrition education. These new items are focusing on MyPlate portions and varieties of foods including fruits and vegetables. If you are interested, check them out at www.myplatematerials.com

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